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PRESIDENT S. D. WILLIAMS

Faculty Honors President at Testimonial Dinner

President Sidney David Williams was honored at a Testimonial Dinner held in the College Dining Hall on April 15.

The Dining Hall was beautifully decorated in the school colors, blue and white, with soft blue lights. In the background selections were rendered by the College choir. Mr. Taylor S. Jackson was master of ceremonies.

Shadrack Brown, Jr., president of the Student Council, began the program with greetings from the student body. Greetings from the Alumni, the Board of Trustees, the Public Schools, the Faculty, and the Ministerial Alliance were given by Mrs. Eddie W. Howard, Mr. T. S. Cooper, Mr. C. R. Paige, Mr. A. P. Lester, and Reverend J. A. Babington-Johnson respectively.

Remarks were made by the President of Winston-Salem Teachers College, Dr. F. L. Atkins.

The guest speaker, Dr. J. Ward Seabrook, President of Fayetteville State Teachers College, was very jovial as he addressed the audience. He emphasized the successful career of President Williams.

Mrs. Edna H. Mitchell presented the faculty gift, a plaque with the inscription, "Twenty-five years of distinguished service as Dean and President of Elizabeth City State Teachers College." Mrs. Alma M. Newby, secretary to the President, presented him a book of more than fifty testimonial letters from educators and friends.

Remarks were made by the President in appreciation for the many friends and faculty members who had recognized these years of service.

To the "President" may be emphasized the passage found on the first page of the souvenir program, "The man who does his work conscientiously and unselfishly must always be, in one sense a great man."

—James Godfrey

Dr. Grandy Speaks for Thalia Sorosis

The Thalia Sorosis Club sponsored Vesper Service on April 3, with Dr. Samuel Gandy, Director of Religious Services, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, as guest speaker.

Dr. Gandy spoke on "The High Cost of Making Decisions." As an example of indecision he pointed out the student who stands in the "green pasture of graduation" and has not yet decided upon his life's work; also he referred to the one who believes that something is wrong with the college and allows himself to become frustrated because he cannot decide just what it is.

At the close of the program the Thalia Sorosis members and guests assembled in the Lounge of the Home Making Department. There a buffet luncheon was served in the honor of Dr. Gandy.

—Mary Spruill

Robert McFerrin Presents "Concert of the Year"

Never has the college heard such full, rich deep tones as those of Robert McFerrin in concert here on April 15.

McFerrin, who accompanied by Norman Johnson, included in his repertoire numbers from such composers as Bach, Brahms, Verdi and Hall Johnson.

Although a comparatively young man McFerrin, shows great promise of becoming one of America's leading baritones. He is the first Negro, male, to become a member of the Metropolitan Opera.

Following the concert a reception honoring the artist was held at the home of President and Mrs. Williams.

College Has Rich Experience

The State Teachers College family had the rich experience of direct contact with the Holy Land just before Easter Recess.

In a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Ossie Royal, Dining Hall hostess, received a vivid description of the Holy Week revival of historic incidents.

The description included references to pilgrimages to Old Jerusalem. Along the way, there was an opportunity to stand near the Mount of Olives, to travel Judean hills on foot, and walk on the road that led the way to Calvary.

The vivid and detailed account of life in the Holy Land brought our College family closely in touch with the real significance of Holy Week through Mrs. Royal's generosity.

Mrs. Royal's daughter, Mrs. Evangelne Darity, lives with her family in Beirut, Libanon, where her husband serves as a member of the United Nations staff.

ANNUAL COLLEGE DAY OBSERVED

The annual observance of College Day on March 28 began during Assembly hour when President Williams read the charter of the institution to the student body.

Dean G. L. Davis presented the seniors to President S. D. Williams, who in turn administered the senior oath. He then turned over to Agnes Shaw, Senior Class president, the keys to the College.

While freshmen stood in the rear of the auditorium, Agnes Shaw directed the reseating of sophomores, juniors and seniors. Othelia Davis, dean, presented the Freshman Class who took the oath administered by the Senior president.

"Thinking of You" was the title of the College Day address delivered by President Shaw. She emphasized standards, goals, faith and inspiration as road marks along the way.

The student body joined in singing the Alma Mater, after which Seniors were assigned to teaching positions on the faculty.

—Dorothy Smith

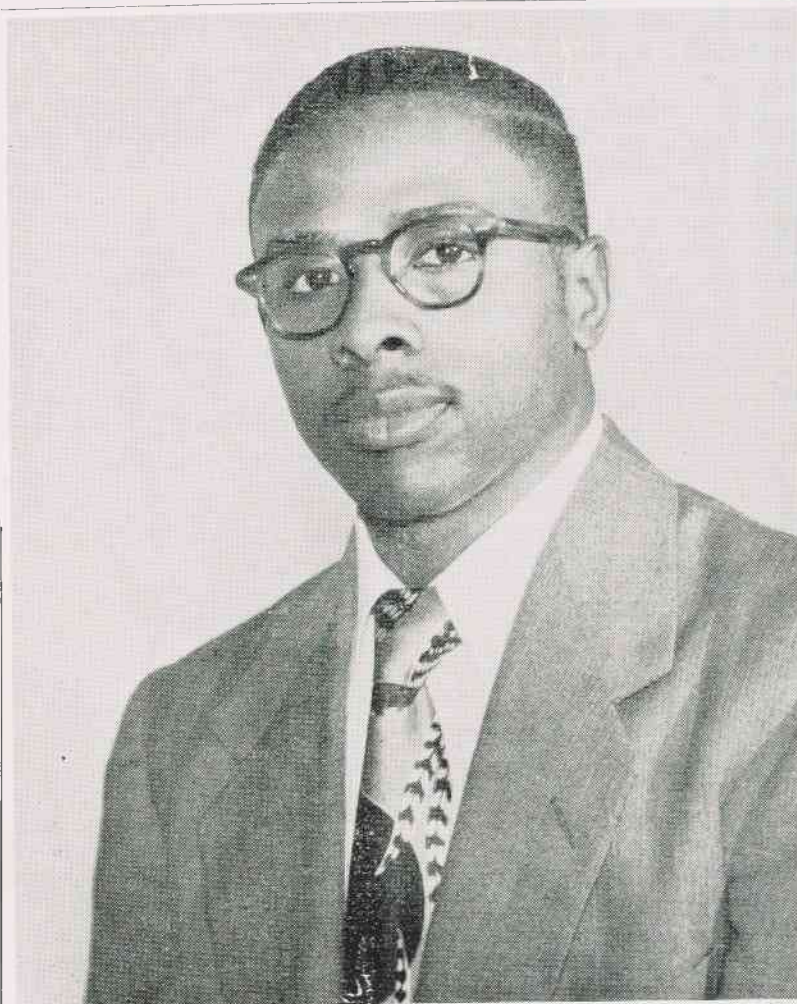
Annual High School Day Held

Elizabeth City State Teachers College was host to ten participating high schools in subject matter, music and public speaking contests on April 21.

The subject tests given were: arithmetic, algebra, plane geometry, current events, American history, American government, general science, home-making, English grammar, literature, agriculture, French and biology.

Schools receiving first, second and third places are listed in order: Arithmetic—C. S. Brown High School, Winton, N. C.; Robert L. Vann High School, Ahoskie, N. C.; and P. S. Jones High School, Washington, N. C. Algebra—P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City, N. C.; P. S. Jones High School and C. S. Brown High School. Plane Geometry—C. S. Brown High School, P. W. Moore High School and R. L. Vann High School. Current Events—P. S. Jones High School, C. S. Brown High School and R. L. Vann High School. American History—C. S. Brown High School, R. L. Vann High School and E. J. Hayes High School, Williamston, N. C. Government—C. S. Brown High School, R. L. Vann High School and

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Shadrack Brown of Chuckatuck, Virginia has recently been elected president of the Student Council for 1955-1956. He is a graduate of Sast Suffolk High School where he served as vice-president of the Student Council and for three years as president or vice-president of his class. As a college student he has been outstanding as a soloist of the College Choir and also a member of the Student Council. He is active in the Y.M.C.A. and also keeper of Records and Seals for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Brown believes that students must realize that in student government there are responsibilities and that to meet these responsibilities cooperation is most important.